

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
3:10cr227

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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vs.)
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JAMIE WRIGHT (2))
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ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court upon motion of the defendant pro se for review of detention. (Doc. No. 86).

The defendant pled guilty to Count One of the indictment on March 4, 2011, charging conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base. (Doc. No. 70: Plea Agreement; Doc. No. 77: Acceptance and Entry of Guilty Plea). Thus, the defendant has been found guilty and is awaiting imposition of sentence for an offense described in subparagraph (C) of subsection (f)(1) of 18 U.S.C. § 3142. Pursuant to § 3143(a)(2), the defendant shall be detained unless the Court finds a substantial likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted; or an attorney for the government has recommended that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed; and the Court finds by clear and convincing evidence the person is not likely to flee or pose a danger to any other person or the community. 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2)(A)(i), (ii) and (B). A defendant may also be released if it is clearly shown that there are exceptional reasons why his detention would not be appropriate. 18 U.S.C. § 3145(c).

Upon review of the record, even in a light most favorable to the defendant, the Court finds the defendant has not alleged or established facts that would warrant his release pending sentencing. The defendant's desire to spend time with his family, including his elderly mother, is

understandable, but not exceptional. Thus, the Court is obligated by the statute to detain the defendant because the prerequisites for release have not been met.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the defendant's motion is **DENIED**.

The Clerk is directed to certify copies of this order to the defendant, counsel for the defendant, to the United States Attorney, the United States Marshals service, and the U.S. Probation office.

Signed: May 10, 2011

Robert J. Conrad Jr.
Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
Chief United States District Judge

